

In the Specification

Please substitute the paragraph found on page 1, lines 7-9 of the specification with the following paragraph:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/635,502, filed August 9, ~~2002~~2000, abandoned, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/207,904, filed May 25, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Serial No. 60/221,850, filed July 28, 2000, each of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entireties, including any figures, tables, nucleic acid sequences, amino acid sequences, or drawings.

Please insert the following paragraph after the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" section on page 1, line 10:

A joint research agreement was executed on December 31, 1999 by Genset, S.A. (now Serono Genetics Institute S.A.) and Case Western Reserve University.